

## PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SOLVING  
A PROBLEM ARISING DURING A  
WELDING OPERATION OR THE LIKE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Cancel the abstract as filed and add the abstract attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 3-10, 13 and 14 have been amended as follows:

--3. (amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that it includes at least one additional step:

(f) of displaying, storing, printing, transmitting, interpreting and/or exporting at least some information obtained in step (e) or in step (d'); and/or

(g) of modifying or setting at least one configuration parameter, preferably several configuration parameters,